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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SHLAUDEMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: U.S. CONGRESS AND ARGENTINA

REF: STATE 227379

1. AS PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTTEL, WE HELD CONSULTATIONS WITH KEY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ADVISING THEM OF OUR INTENTION TO VOTE FOR AN \$8 MILLION IDB LOAN FOR ARGENTINA. WE ADVISED THEM THAT YOU WOULD BE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT VIDELA TO DISCUSS THE HARKIN AMENDMENT AND THE RELATED ISSUES. THERE APPEARED TO BE CAUTIOUS APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY EFFORTS TO IMPRESS ON GOA NEED TO CONTROL POLITICAL VIOLENCE. AS A RESULT, EVEN OUR MOST OUTSPOKEN CRITICS SEEM TO HAVE AGREED TO TEMPORARILY HOLD THEIR FIRE TO SEE WHETHER THERE IS CHANGE IN ARGENTINA.

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IF NOT, WE CAN EXPECT SERIOUS CONGRESSIONAL EFFORTS TO

LEGISLATE AGAINST ARGENTINA.

2. BILL LUERS IS SCHEDULED TO GIVE A BACKGROUND SESSION
TO A NUMBER OF CONGRESSIONAL AIDES INTERESTED IN ARGENTINA
ON SEPTEMBER 27. SUBJECTS SUCH AS ANTI-SEMITISM, ERP,
LOKEN LOPEZ AND THE CORDOBA SEMINARIANS WILL COME UP. IF
THERE ARE ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON THESE PROBLEMS OR
RELATED ISSUES, PLEASE ADVISE AT ONCE. ROBINSON

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